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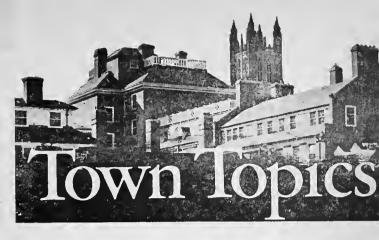
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Graduating from Baltimore Friends School, Archer entered the University of Pennsylvania and in 1929 received his degree from the highly rated Wharton School of Commerce and Finance. His college years etched the future in broad outline, for the majority of his Wharton courses were in merchandising, particularly laundry merchandising, and he played a prominent role in non-academic activities, becoming head cheerleader and perform-

ing for Mask and Wig.

Nine years in Baltimore, highlighted by his marriage in 1935 to the former Margaret Brawner, preceded his migration northward. Once here, Archer's voice, loud enough to reach distant ears at the auctions he now runs infrequently, was soon heard in local service organizations—the Lions Club, the Community Chest, the American Red Cross. During World War II, as a Princeton War Bond Committeeman, he made his mark as a fundraiser, selling thousands of dollars worth of bonds by seldom, if ever, overlooking opportunities to plug the nation's wartime needs.

A Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church and an enthusiastic member of the Fort Dix Council, aiding wounded veterans at Tilton General Hospital, Archer takes a keen delight in hobbies. His current avocation, which his wife shares with him, is color photography. Among the 1,500 color prints in their files, the Archers are proudest of their "before-during-and-after" sequence on the fire-razed University Gymnasium, good enough to land in Princeton University's official archives.

For his abiding interest in community problems, reflected in his recent, appropriate appointment as chairman of the Lions Club Committee on community betterment; for successfully blending helpful friendliness and business acumen; for upholding the fundamentally American tradition of the modest entrepreneur, unruffled by governmental bumbling and looking to the future; he is TOWN TOPICS' candidate for

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# Topics of the Town

Long-Range Problem. Monday morning of this week, inquiries to the nine principal real estate agencies here revealed a total of six houses on the market for figures scaling downwards from \$20,000. Rentals, as everyone knows, were at dead zero. The consensus of opinion on this point: rentals will remain out of the question for some time to come; the only way to find a house or apartment is to know that the present tenant is moving out.

The two biggest hopes to relieve the situation in general, the pre-fabricated project for undergraduate veterans only on Harrison Street and the Stanworth homes on Bayard Lane, were taking shape. But the former will have a maximum of 50 units finished by October (the month after college begins) and no estimates for completion of the Bayard Lane homes are being made.

All concerned (and who, at least indirectly, was not?) glumly agreed that the worst was yet to come. The Westminster Choir College, watching one temporary T-shaped dormitory near completion, saw a need for quartering several score married students in and about town. The University, its enrollment hiked from a norm of 2,400 to 3,200, will have student campus rooms doubled up this Fall, but still hopes to find 150 to 200 single rooms for unmarried students off campus. Dormitory Room Clerk John R. B. Slayback will accept all calls at 2300, extension 385.

Add to this an influx of miscellaneous comers who are being turned down in metropolitan centers as far away as New York and Philadelphia, plus the fact that only two of every three men and women in service from this area have been discharged to date. The Fall of '46 and the Winter of '47 look like posers for many a present and would-be Princetonian.

This week, there was evidence that only large-scale planning and complete willingness to take a long-range viewpoint of the problem would see it solved. Although the question of more and quicker housing has been ably studied—and acted upon—since the war's end, it now seems that one fairly large committee representing all interests is necessary.

Best bet: a coalition of builders, labor representatives, veterans' organizations,

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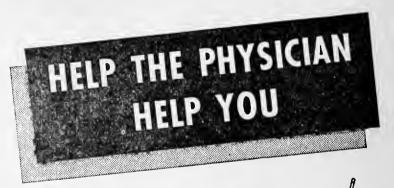
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## Sports in Short

Diamond Dazzlers. The hottest club in local baseball circles these hot summer days is the Princeton - Princeton Junction entry in the fast - stepping Twin-M League. Proud possessors of a 12-game winning streak, the longest skein yet spun by any team in the eight-town circuit, the Twin-M Tigers have whirled to the top of the standings by staging an almost miraculous comeback.

Torn by dissension between two cliques of players, and performing aimlessly in competition, the Town-Junction combine blew six out of its first ten starts and plummeted into the depths. Then came the Great Awakening—with team members beginning to see that a team can be no better than it makes itself. Internal troubles and bickering forgotten, everything started to click.

In clinching a place in the championship play-offs, slated to get under way August 19th, the "Princetons" have received superlative hurling from a trio of righthanders: Rudy Clemen, Princeton University ace last spring; George Palmer, a second Nassau luminary; and Johny Ellsworth, of Princeton Junction.

Paced by Captain Tom Brophy's .397 average, four members of the team are pounding the ball at a better than .300 clip, while the lower end of the balting order in recent contests has been coming through in the clutch. Not-so-evident factors in the team's rise have been the tremendously improved performances of Jack Sweeney behind the plate and the all-around play of Jack Petrone, 'teenage Pennington Prep star, at second base.

A world of credit belongs to the manbehind-the-scenes, Manager Jack Sutphin, a member of the Princeton Postoffice's staff. Sutphin "out-Durochers" Brooklyn's master-minding Leo, for, in addition to planning strategic moves, he is responsible for the condition of the home field, equipment and myriad details that only fellow diamond administrators can appreciate.

European Junket. Charles W. Caldwell Jr., Old Nassau's head coach of football and baseball, is back in this country after three weeks of barnstorming in what was the European Theatre of Op-

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erations. Accompanied by Henry Frnka, of Tulane, and George Munger, of Pennsylvania, the personable Princeton mentor had been bustled out of "the States" last month in traditional hurry-up-andwait fashion to help run a GI gridiron clinic.

Once in Europe, the three coaches—who had re-arranged personal affairs at the last minute in order to go on the mission—were informed that the Special Service Division's plans had been changed: school was called off. With no instructional duties scheduled, the coaches, as well as a pair of football officials, toured American-occupied Germany and lectured to sports-hungry servicemen.

Operation "Ivy". The East's Ivy Group—interested in keeping football (Continued on page eight)

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Likely chairman for the group is James A. Arnold, Jr., quiet, unobtrusive, highly capable member of the Princeton surveys whose inexhaustible energy and skill in the field of research should provide the coordinating element that may make this new body click.

Glimpse of the Future. Crystal gazing, ever a popular sport, this week focused on two wholly unconnected developments both of which should be of considerable interest to Princetonians. Each is forecast to occur in October.

On the 18th of that month, the term of Chancellor Luther A. Campbell of Hackensack expires. Comment in the State capital today is that the most likely successor to New Jersey's highest judicial post will be State Supreme Court Justice A. Dayton Oliphant of Cleveland Lane. His splendid record as a jurist is the best substantiation of the belief that he will be named this Fall by Governor Edge.

Meanwhile, October 20 is slated to bring a change in the Princeton community. On that Sunday afternoon, Town Topics has learned, New Jersey plans to dedicate the Princeton Battle-

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## Calendar of the Week

#### Sunday, August 11th

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

9:30 a.m.: Episcopal Service, Marquand Transept, University Chapel. 10:00 a.m.: Princeton United Meeting, Society of Friends, School of Public and International Affairs Building, University Campus.

10:30 a.m.: Rehearsals for Volunteer Summer Choir, Trinity Episcopal Church.

11:00 a.m.: Union Service, the First and Second Presbyterian Churches and the Princeton University Chapel; Sermon, the Rev. Dr. John Knox, Union Theological Seminary, New York City; Second Presbyterian Church.

Sermon, Mr. Harvey Woodruff, Methodist Church.

Sermon, the Rev. Edwin F. Moseley, Priest-in-Charge during August, Trinity

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8:15 p.m.: Evening Service, First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, August 12th 6:15 p.m.: Baseball: Twin-M League: Princeton-Princeton Junction vs. Hopewell, Brokaw Field, University Campus. 6:00 p.m.: Princeton Community Y.M.C.A.

Senior Softball League: Walker-Gordon vs. Phantom's; Jugtown vs. R. C. A.; Cenerino's vs. Opinion Research; Heyden Chemical vs. College Board; American

Legion vs. Gobs.
6:30 p.m.: Tennis: Opening of Princeton's
Men's Doubles Championships, Univer-

sity Courts.

8:30 p.m.: Outdoor movies, featuring sports shorts and cartoons, part of Princeton Playgrounds' Program; High School Athletic Field.

Tuesday, August 13th

6:00 p.m.: Princeton Evening Recreation
Softball League: Jugtown Community
Club vs. Annex; Cenerino's vs. Gobs;
American Legion vs. Ramblers.
8:00 p.m.: Monthly Meeting, Princeton Borough Council, Borough Hall.

Wednesday, August 14th
6:00 p.m.: Princeton Community Y.M.C.A. Senior Softball League: Jugtown vs. Phantom's; Cenerino's vs. Walker-Gordon; Heyden Chemical vs. R.C.A.; American Legion vs. Opinion Research; Gobs

vs. College Board. 8:15 p.m.: Mid-Week Service, First Church

of Christ, Scientist.

Thursday, August 15th
9:00-11:00 p.m.: Block Dance, part of
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### News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

Renegades (Friday, Saturday) offers those who like Westerns indiscriminately a pleasant diversion but isn't recommended for moviegoers who require backbone in their plots. A little-known cast moves through a routine story about a girl who must choose between an outlaw and her boyhood sweetheart. The western scenery in color helps.

The Kid from Brooklyn (Sunday thru Wednesday) shows just how much Danny Kaye can do to keep a weak comedy funny. He succeeds most of the time in this story of a sissy faked as an ace prize-fighter and the woes he encounters when his manager signs him to battle with the world's champion. It's a remake of the old (1936) Harold Lloyd picture, "The Milky Way."

Smoky (Thursday, Friday, Saturday). Will James' well-known novel is the basis for a superbly - photographed Western, replete with a handsome cowpuncher (Fred MacMurray), a lovely heroine (Anne Baxter), a scheming villain (Bruce Cabot) and a gorgeous horse (Smoky himself). Action, mood, plot and Technicolored scenery are all in the right taste.

#### The Garden

The Walls Came Tumbling Down (Friday, Saturday) is an average murder mystery which tosses all it can find onto the screen to maintain the pitch. Marguerite Chapman hunts a missing masterpiece, Lee Bowman is on the trail of a killer and their paths cross frequently. Only fair.

Of Human Bondage (All Week) offers those who have never seen the Somerset Maugham novel on the screen, and those who will never tire of it, a chance to revel in misery. The famous story of the sensitive, lovesick medical student and the soul-twisting waitress who delights in mental tortures is played this time by Paul Henreid and unknown though able Eleanor Parker. But strive as they may, they cannot match the mark set a dozen years ago by the late Leslie Howard and the then unknown Bette Davis.

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field as a State park. Thus the next ten weeks will, according to plans of the State Department of Conservation, see acquisition of the necessary lands along Quaker and Mercer Roads completed.

Bicentennial Begins. The first note of Princeton University's long-planned Bicentennial Year will be struck on September 22, when the Right Honorable Geoffrey Fisher, Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, England, delivers the first in a series of ten Bicentennial Sermons in the University Chapel. From then until June 17 of next year, when President Harry S. Truman will stand on the steps of Nassau Hall to receive an honorary degree, world figures in every field will be attracted to Princeton.

Among the highlights: a series of 15 conferences, which will permit scholars from nearly a score of countries to discuss problems of mutual interest; celebration of "Charter Day" on October 19 with appropriate ceremonies (some of them in Palmer Stadium, including a Princeton-Rutgers football game and a re-enactment between the halves of the first contest (in 1869) between these two rivals); the laying of the cornerstone for the Firestone Memorial Li-



brary on October 22; special events on Washington's Birthday, when the National Alumni Association meets; and the climactic weekend of June 14-17.

Smith Backs World Calendar. Senator H. Alexander Smith of Princeton, with Democratic Senator Murray of Montana is backing a bill which would revise the world calendar. Fourteen other nations have already endorsed the project, on which its sponsors have been quoted:

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From Biology to the Ministry. Three years ago, John Prather of Lexington, Ky., came to Princeton on a fellowship to study biology. On Thursday of this week, he was ordained as a minister in ceremonies taking place in the Second Presbyterian Church and has accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church in Deerfield, N. J.

Shortly after coming to Princeton, Mr. Prather set aside his pursuit of biology to enroll in the Seminary. Those taking part in the ordination rites were the Rev. Andrew W. Blackwood and the Rev. Dr. J. Christy Wilson of the Seminary, the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker of the Second Church, and Elmer Walker, stated clerk of the Presbytery.

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# SPORTS IN SHORT

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ances for ex-GI's and placing "new" civilian students back on the pre-war basis of three years of varsity competition, the code marks the first time that eastern institutions on a large scale have surrendered to an intercollege committee their rights to determine the eligibility of their own athletes. An individual college may now pass on scholastic eligibility, and that

The nubbin of the new code is fouryear eligibility for all veterans, including former servicemen starting their college careers next month as freshmen. Any varsity competition during the war. either as a civilian or as a service trainee, will be charged against the maximum. The four-year ruling is also extended to non-veterans who entered college in wartime when eligibility standards were generally forgotten.

The Ivy Group's check-list on subsidization of athletes is essentially the same as the rigamarole worked out by the "Big Three" in years gone by. Students while in school may receive financial support only from these sources: personal or family funds, in return for services rendered except those of an athletic nature, scholarships awarded through regular channels of the colleges, government grants to veterans.

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